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## Cotton is King

- Tobacco, rice, cotton =  
major cash crops in the south
- \* - Eli Whitney invents cotton gin,  
making cotton more ~~efficient~~ efficient to produce
- Small # of ~~peop~~ plantation owners had control  
of much of the South.

## Southern Culture

- Upper class: large homes, good ~~and~~ schools, 100+ slaves
- Smaller plantation owners: 10ish slaves
- no property = "white trash"  
↳ 1 mil + did not own slaves
- 250,000 free blacks
- 1860: 4 mil slaves in South
- Rationalizations for slavery:
  - It "civilized" them (black people)
  - Exposed them to Christians
  - We treat slaves better than other  
countries, better than northern factory workers  
are treated.
  - Economy depends on it